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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: KESSLER et al.

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For: SPECIFIC AND SENSITIVE METHOD
FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC ACIDS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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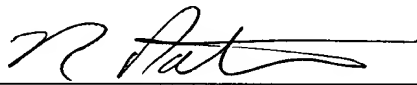
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, be extended for a period of two (2) months from June 26, 2003, up to and including August 26, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$ 410.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 1803-277-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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